Dear Parents and Friends of BSW,

“As we rushed through the dense undergrowth with the wheels of our bus spinning round and round as fast the eye could see, we could sense the upcoming Camp Wyuna. We prepared ourselves for the fun and pleasant times that would wait at this beach camp.....”

These are the words of Sandro from Meg’s 5/6 class as he recalls the past week, and his anticipation of what was to be a new and adventurous camp indeed! I too was one of those people preparing myself "for the fun and pleasant times!"

This adventure and more occurred last week during the Year 3-6 camps in Queenscliff; Camp Wyuna. Each year I attend school camp, and this was the first year we have travelled to this location. As the camp is right beside the sea, we were able to engage in a variety of activities unlike the previous camps I have attended over the last 7 years during my time at BSW. I believe the two most popular activities were boogie boarding and bike riding. The bike riding activity made an impression on me. Our Positive School Community Component of KidsMatter uses the following quote;

“Your beliefs become your thoughts, Your thoughts become your words, Your words become your actions, Your actions become your habits, Your habits become your values, Your values become your character.” Mahatma Gandhi

As I watched the instructor prepare the students for the 8-10 km (return trip) mountain bike ride, I was amazed to see that through careful well planned instruction, encouragement and support some young students with very little bike riding experience managed the challenging ride. But more than this, I won’t forget the looks of determination and pride on their faces when they completed...
the ride. Those students made huge gains in less than 2 hours! They successfully completed a bike ride along the coast whilst learning how to maneuver a mountain bike, observe road rules and be safe and mindful of one and other. I believe this is an inspiring example of how important a child’s beliefs are; it transforms into actions and achievements. In addition to this, camp was an outstanding example of multi-age learning within a differentiated teaching activity. It reminds me of why we do what we do.

Finally, Rubens’ words from Meg’s 5/6 class tell us in a delightful way of unexpected surprises that occur along the way that we could never plan for. “We saw a seal a little bit taller than me, a comforting brown fur shining in the late day sun. The water was so clear that you could see the moss on the bottom of the shiny wet rocks, at the bottom of the beach. As the seal flouted there in the water, it would do small summersaults. Turning round and round and round, very majestic.”

Once again it is that time when BSWPS welcomes Master of Teaching candidates from Melbourne University. Our 1st year candidates Erica Pearson with Maurice, and Surbhi Kumari with Kay, our 2nd year candidates who started last week are Carmel Pitt with Ashley and Milly Holden with Anya & Chrissy. If you see them in your child’s classroom, be sure to approach them and say hello. For some of them it will be their first time in the classroom and others will be commencing their 2nd and final year. One important aspect of their training and indeed skills all teachers strive to develop over time is effective communication with parents. So when you take the time to chat with them you are also helping them along their journey to become great teachers.

In Louise’s absence, I have taken on the role as Acting Principal and Janet Beck has returned to our school as Acting Assistant Principal. I look forward to Louise’s return after the holidays. I’m confident her experiences during the Think Tank Conference for Australian education leaders will enrich our Chinese LOTE program.

Have a safe and enjoyable week.

Yours sincerely,

Judy Harrington
Acting Principal

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**BPAY**

If you have or intend to pay your 2016 School Fees via BPAY and wish pay a voluntary contribution, please ensure you complete & return the payment slip enclosed with your statement to the Office as soon as possible.

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**NETBOOK & CAMP PAYMENTS**

Term 1 Netbook payments and the Grade 3 to 6 Camp Wyuna payments are now overdue. Please pay these immediately either via BPAY (preferred), or at the Office via EFTPOS or cash.

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**CSEF**

Have you applied for the Camps, Sports & Excursions Fund (CSEF)?

Parents are reminded that if you hold a valid means-tested concession card or are a temporary foster parent, you may be eligible for the CSEF. The allowance is paid to the school to use towards expenses relating to camps, excursions or sporting activities for the benefit of your child.

The Annual CSEF amount per student is:

- $125 for primary school students
- $225 for secondary school students

Contact the school office to obtain a CSEF application form or download from the CSEF website. **Applications close 3 June 2016.**

For more information and to download flyers in 13 different languages: Arabic, Burmese, Cantonese, Dari, Dinku, Karen, Mandarin, Persian, Somali, Sudanese, Tamil, Turkish and Vietnamese, please see [www.education.vic.gov.au/csef](http://www.education.vic.gov.au/csef)
JOIN IN. GET ACTIVE!
PREMIER'S ACTIVE APRIL 2016

GET ACTIVE THIS APRIL!
All it takes is 30 minutes of physical activity a day during April. Enjoy great benefits and you can win awesome prizes too.

Register to get:
- 10 free YMCA passes or access to a local government facility
- 15% off at Sportsmart in store and online
- one free hour tennis court hire at Melbourne Park or Albert Reserve
- one free Get into Cardio Tennis session
- a 2 for 1 ticket offer to SEA LIFE Melbourne Aquarium
- entry into the draw to win tickets to the 2017 Australian Tennis Open Finals

Your school can win:
- visits from high profile sporting personalities
- sporting equipment

Register today - activeapril.vic.gov.au

Terms and conditions for all prizes and offers apply. Visit activeapril.vic.gov.au for details. *Winner receives two tickets to each of the men's and women's finals.
This year we registered to participate in the **Clean Up Australia** initiative. On Monday morning straight after assembly, the whole school spent time collecting all the rubbish around the school grounds. Each class conducted a rubbish audit of their area. The results were pleasing and quite interesting. The small amount of rubbish collected reflects our efforts to reduce our waste through rubbish free lunches. Keep it up!

**SUMMARY**

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**GRADE 6/7 TRANSITION**

Dawson Street, Brunswick 3056  
Telephone: 9387 6133  
Fax: 9387 0061  
Email: brunswick.sc@edumail.vic.gov.au  
Year 7 Information Evening  
For Prospective Parents 2017  
Tuesday 26th April 2016  
7.00pm – 8.45pm  

**Select Entry Accelerated Learning Program 2017**

**Closing Date:** Friday 13th May 2016  
**Test Date:** Saturday 21st May 2016  
**Interviews:** Friday 17th June 2016  

**School Tours**

By Appointment  
Every Thursday  
9.15am -10.15am  
Please ring the school on 9387 6133 to make a booking
GRADE 6/7 TRANSITION

Year 7 – 2017
Information Sessions

Dear Parents/Guardians

Pascoe Vale Girls College invites prospective students and their parents to attend one of our information sessions at our College.

You will have the opportunity to meet College leaders and hear about our curriculum and programs offered to our students. This will be followed by a tour of the College.

The dates and times for our information sessions are as follows:

- Tuesday April 19 – 9.15am
- Wednesday April 20 – 11.15am
- Thursday April 21 – 7pm

Bookings are essential. Bookings can be made via our website: www.pvgc.vic.edu.au or by calling the College on 9306-2544 to reserve a place.

We hope that you will take this opportunity to visit the College and look forward to meeting you.

If you are unable to attend the sessions in April, the College also conducts tours with the Principal on a Tuesday morning at 9.15am. Bookings can be made by calling the College on 9306-2544.

Inclusive
Investigative
Collaborative

A revolution is happening here
We are empowering young people and enabling them to take control of their learning.

Student led tours at 9.30am, 12 noon, 2pm
Information presentation to be held at 7pm

R.S.V.P
mount.alexander.712@edumail.vic.gov.au
or call us directly on 03 9376 1622
we also offer school tours at any time during school hours
147-175 Mount Alexander Rd, Flemington VIC 3031
SEAL testing on May 7th 2016
The graph below shows the contribution our new solar panels have made to our energy consumption.

Due to our limited capacity, excess energy we generate is sent back into the grid. As of November 2015 we are now able to track this contribution (represented in green).

- Grid Energy Consumed
- Solar Energy Consumed
- Solar Energy Provided to Grid
TENNIS FOR JUNIORS

- Boys & Girls aged 3 - 8 years
- Basic, skills based introduction to Tennis
- Indoor sessions
- Modified equipment
- Ideal for beginners
- Age appropriate programs
- Parent help for 3 & 4 year olds
- TENNIS RACQUET TO KEEP!

Where
Brunswick South West Primary School Gym, South Daly St, Brunswick West

Starts
Saturday the 16th of April
3 and 4 year olds - 9.45am to 10.30am
5 and 6 year olds - 10.30am to 11.15am
7 and 8 year olds - 11.15am to 12.00pm

Cost
$90 for 6 weekly sessions and a tennis racquet for you to keep!

To secure your place, you MUST register by one of the following methods:
- Email - rego@getactivesports.com.au
- Phone - 1300 772 106
- Website - www.getactivesports.com.au

To register, please let us know the location of the program and your child’s details as below. Once registered bring the completed, signed consent form and payment to the first session.

REGISTRATIONS FOR TERM 2 ARE NOW OPEN!

No session on 23rd of April due to the long weekend, but our program will still run for 6 sessions